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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTELS A AND C ON
AUGUST 20 WITH DR. JEAN-PIERRE RITTER OF FEDERAL POLITI-
CAL DEPARTMENT. RITTER SAID SWITZERLAND WOULD HAVE NO
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OBJECTION IN PRINCIPAL TO USG IDEA OF TWOFOLD APPROACH.

IN SWISS VIEW, HOWEVER, BOTH SHORT AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS MUST MEET TWO CRITERIA: (1) SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO NON-ICAO STATES AND 2) AGREEMENTS SHOULD HAVE NEARLY UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE WITHIN ICAO. RITTER DOES NOT BELIEVE NORDIC PROPOSAL AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED SATISFIES ABOVE CRITERIA BUT PROPOSAL MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO SWISS WITH SUITABLE AMENDMENTS.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED VOTING RULE CHANGE (REF C). SWISS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SAME RULES APPLY IN BOTH ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE TO AVOID CONFUSION AND TO ACHIEVE SWISS DESIRE BROAD ACCEPTANCE OF CONFERENCE DECISIONS. SWISS VIEW CHANGE AS ONE-TIME THING, DUE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE THAT ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE AT SAME TIME AND PLACE, AND DO NOT CONSIDER CHANGE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE CONFERENCE. RITTER SAID USG PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION IN CONVENTION REGARDING NUMBER OF RATIFICATIONS NEEDED (PARA 7, REF C) MIGHT BE ANOTHER WAY TO MEET DESIRE FOR BROAD ACCEPTANCE AND SWISS WOULD KEEP OPEN MIND.

3. RITTER RAISED SUBJECT OF ONE OR TWO CHAIRMEN. HE SAID SWISS PREFER ONLY ONE CHAIRMAN IN INTEREST OF KEEPING ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE ON PARALLEL TRACKS. SWISS PLAN SUPPORT DIALLO (SENEGAL) FOR BOTH CHAIRMANSHIPS. HE SAID QUALIFICATIONS OF SCIOLLA LAGRANGE NOT QUESTIONED BUT HE BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE HAVING SOMEONE FROM THIRD WORLD CHAIRING BOTH MEETINGS. HE ALSO SAID HE DID NOT THINK CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE FROM HOST COUNTRY.

4. RITTER CONFIRMED THAT SWISS DELEGATION HEADED BY HIMSELF AND CONSISTING OF VON GRAFFENRIED, BUCHMUELLER, AND WILLI HAS BEEN APPROVED BY FEDERAL COUNCIL.
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